

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Public Services – Agriculture Department – Certain allegations against Sri B.K.Krishna Murthy, Mandal Agriculture Officer of Kurnool District – Disciplinary action initiated – Inquiry conducted – Penalty of stoppage of one increment with cumulative effect – Orders – Issued.

AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (VIG-I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 711

**Dated:12-06-2008.
Read the following:-**

1. From the D.G., ACB, Lr.No.84/RE/Kur/99, Dt.28-11-2001.
2. From the C&DA, Hyd. Lr.Roc.No.Vig.IV(3) 110/2002, Dated.21-03-2002.
3. G.O.Rt.No.430, A&C (Vig.I) Dept, Dated.03-05-2002.
4. From the C&DA, Hyd,Lr.Roc.No.Vig.IV(3) 110/2002, Dated.29-07-2002.
5. From the Report of the Inquiry Officer & JDA, Kurnool, Dt.31-03-2003.
6. Govt.Memo.No.18676/Vig.I(1)/2001-13, Dated.09-06-2005.
7. From the Representation of Sri B.K.Krishna Murthy, MAO, Kurnool, District, Dated.14-08-2005.
8. Govt.Letter No.18676/Vig.I/A1/2001-19, Dated.07-05-2007.
9. From the Secretary, APPSC, Lr.No.1075/RT-I/2/2007, Dated.28-08-2007.

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ORDER:

Government has initiated disciplinary proceedings against Sri B.K.Krishna Murthy, Mandal Agriculture Officer, Pedakamabdur, Kurnool District, under Rule 20 of A.P. Civil Services (CC&A) Rules 1991 by framing the following charge.

ARTICLE OF CHARGE: “That the Said Sri B.K.Krishna Murthy, Agriculture Officer, while functioning as MAO, Pedakambadur issued permits to the ryots of N.Kalle, Omnagar, H.Muravani, R.Doddi, Doddinikala, Kambadalal, Basaladoodi, Chinna Takur and Hanumapuram villages to take Groundnut / Sunflower seeds on 50% subsidy from the sales counter of APSSDC Ltd., for the Rabi 1998-99. He has not taken the signatures of beneficiary farmers on the permits. The certificates of concerned VAO or AEO disclosing the identity of beneficiaries also not enclosed to the permits. Basing on the above permits issued by the MAO., which led to irregular distribution of seed on 50% subsidy raising Cash Bills for Rabi 1998-99. He has also not followed the guidelines issued by the authorities. Thus, he has violated Rule 3 of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.”

2. The Charged Officer in his written statement of defense denied the charge framed against him. A regular inquiry was conducted in to the charge. The Inquiry Officer in the Inquiry report observed that the Charged Officer failed to produce material evidence during the Inquiry in support of his defence that he duly followed the Guidelines issued by the Disciplinary Authority. The Inquiry Officer also observed that the Charged Officer did not produce pattadar pass books, certificates issued by Mandal Agriculture Officers and the Subsidy distribution register. Therefore, the Inquiry Officer held the charge proved against the Charged Officer. The Inquiry report of the Inquiry Authority was communicated to the Charged Officer for his representation if any on the findings of the Inquiry report as required under rule 21 (4) of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Service (CC&A) Rules, 1991.

3. The Charged Officer submitted his representation on the findings of the Inquiry report and contended that after obtaining certificates duly he issued permits to the farmers; that he was new to the village to identify every farmer and their fields by that time; that only Sunflower seed permits were issued but never the Groundnut and that the farmers might have sold their permits to the business people which action could not be obstructed by the Departmental Officials. He therefore, requested the Government to drop further action against him.

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4. Government after careful consideration of the Inquiry Report, and the representation of the Charged Officer and material available on record, have observed that no evidence was produced for establishing that the Charged Officer followed the guidelines issued by the Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, A.P. Hyderabad. That, he even maintained and produced any evidence before Inquiry Officer, in support of his contentions. In the absence of substantial material evidence produced, his contentions could not be taken in to consideration. Therefore, the Government have decided to impose the penalty of stoppage of one (1) annual grade increment with cumulative effect against Sri B.K.Krishna Murthy, Mandal Agriculture Officer, Kurnool District. In the reference 9th read above, the Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission has agreed to the proposal of Government for imposition of the above penalty against the Charged Officer.

5. Accordingly, Government hereby impose the penalty of stoppage of one (1) annual grade increment with cumulative effect against Sri B.K.Krishna Murthy, Mandal Agriculture Officer, Kurnool District. The Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, Hyderabad, is requested to take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

**C.R. BISWAL,
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To
Sri B.K.Krishna Murthy, MAO, Peddakadubur, Kurnool District.
(through C&DA, Hyderabad.)

Copy to:

The Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, Hyderabad.
The Secretary to V.C. APVC, Hyderabad.
The Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, Hyderabad.
The Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission, Hyderabad.
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SECTION OFFICER